

Remarks

With entry of this amendment, claims 1-6, 8-23, 26-33, 37-39 and 41 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 8-23 pertaining to Invention I were elected in the paper submitted May 22, 2008. The following species are hereby provisionally elected in response to the election/restriction requirements in the Office Action dated August 25, 2008.

Applicants elect Species B, claim 4 without traverse.

Applicants elect Species C, claim 5 without traverse.

Applicants elect Species F, claims 9 and 10 with traverse. Applicants admit that alleged Species G, claim 11, is an obvious variant of Species F. Applicants therefore request that Species F be considered to include claims 9-11 for prosecution of the application on the merits.

Applicants elect Species M, claim 18 without traverse.

Applicants elect Species N, claim 20 without traverse.

Applicants elect Species R, claim 23 without traverse.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (978) 739-3075 (Eastern Time).

Respectfully submitted,

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